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Pennsylvania June Acreage

HARRISBURG, PA, June 30, 2011 - - - The estimates of planted and harvested acreages in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted the first 2 weeks of June.

Based on acreage planted by June 1, 2011 and intended acres that remained to be planted, the Keystone state's farmers expect to harvest more acres of barley, corn grain, and wheat than in 2010. Fewer acres of oats, soybeans, and all dry hay are expected to be harvested in 2011, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 1,400,000 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 930,000 acres of corn for grain, up 20,000 acres from a year ago. Soybean acreage planted is estimated at 480,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year. Sixteen percent of this year's soybean acres are expected to be planted following another harvested crop, up six percentage points from last year. Soybean acreage for harvest is estimated at 475,000 acres for 2011, down 4 percent from the 495,000 acres harvested last year.

Oat acreage planted in 2011 is estimated at 80,000, down 27 percent from a year ago. Growers expect to harvest 55,000 acres for grain, which is 25,000 acres less than last year. Winter wheat acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 180,000 acres, up 30,000 acres or 20 percent from last year. Barley acreage for harvest, at 50,000 is up 5,000 acres or 11 percent from 2010.

All acres for harvest of dry hay in 2011 are estimated at 1,450,000, down 3 percent or 50,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for dry hay, at 450,000 acres, are down 50,000 acres or 10 percent from last year. All other dry hay, at 1,000,000 acres, is unchanged from last year.

Tobacco acres for harvest increased 14 percent from a year ago with growers expecting to harvest 9,700 acres, compared to 8,500 acres last year. Of these acres, 3,000 acres are expected to be Southern Maryland type tobacco, 1,700 acres of Pennsylvania seedleaf type tobacco, and the remaining 5,000 acres expected to be light air-cured burley tobacco.

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At the United States level, the 2011 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92.3 million acres, up 5 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 84.9 million acres for grain, also up 4 percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 86 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared with the 10-year average of 95 percent.

The 2011 soybean planted area is estimated at 75.2 million acres, down 3 percent from 2010. Planted area decreased from last year in 21 out of 31 States, and is the lowest since 2007. Area for harvest is forecast at 74.3 million acres, also down 3 percent from 2010.

The 2011 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.1 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010 but down slightly from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.3 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area seeded to oats for the 2011 crop year totaled 2.59 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year and the lowest on record. Growers expect to harvest 934,000 acres, down 26 percent from 2010 and are a record low. Producers seeded 2.82 million acres of barley for the 2011 crop year, down 2 percent from the previous year. This is the lowest barley seeded acreage on record, well below the previous record low of 3.45 million acres established in 2006. Harvested area, forecasted at 2.48 million acres, is up fractionally from 2010, but if realized, will be the second lowest since 1883.

Producers intend to harvest 57.6 million acres of all hay in 2011, down 4 percent from 2010. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 19.3 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2010. Expected area for harvest for all other types of hay totals 38.3 million acres, down 4 percent from 2010.

United States all tobacco area for harvest in 2011 is estimated at 336,050 acres, slightly below 2010. Expected decreases in light-air cured, dark-air cured, and cigar types offset increases in fire-cured and flue-cured types.

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